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For: **HIGH THROUGHPUT PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USING**

- ☐ For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.
- ☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: USSN 60/240,361, filed October 13, 2000 and International Application filed October 15, 2001, Attorney Docket No. 36-001100PC, by IRM, LLP et al., entitled HIGH THROUGHPUT PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USING, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- ☐ Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes."

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 65 pages of the description (including specification, claims and abstract)
- ☒ 13 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawing(s)
- ☒ abstract
- ☒ 89 number of claims
- ☐ an assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ a ☐ signed ☒ unsigned Declaration
- ☐ a Power of Attorney
- ☐ a certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application
- ☒ cover sheet
- ☒ Application Data Entry Sheet
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97
- ☒ Patent Application Filing Acknowledgement postcard.
- ☒ 1 extra copy of this sheet is enclosed
- ☐ a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27
- ☐ ( ) is enclosed
- ☐ ( ) was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired
- ☐ Small Entity Status is Claimed
- ☐ Preliminary amendment

In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f), Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.

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